



City Plan Commission Agenda Item

December 13, 2012

TO: City Plan Commission
FROM: Nanette Smejkal, Parks and Recreation Director
Marci Tuck, Open Space, Trails, and Parks Coordinator
DATE: December 4, 2012
SUBJECT: Discussion and Action on the 2012 Updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Final Draft

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Master Plan) is being updated to reflect current citizen and Departmental needs. Master plans should be updated every five years or so according to industry standards and grant eligibility requirements.

- The current Master Plan was approved by City Plan Commission on September 15, 2006 and adopted by City Council on September 19, 2006.
- Halff Associates, Inc. conducted the Master Plan Update.
- A statistically valid telephone survey from all five planning areas of the City was conducted by Creative Consumer Research in December 2011 and the resulting data was incorporated into the Master Plan by Halff Associates.
- Stakeholder meetings were held in April- May 2012 with various user groups, Council Representatives, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Open Space Advisory Board, City Manager, Deputy City Manager of Community Services, and staff with the Parks and Recreation, General Services, and Planning & Economic Development departments.
- Two city-wide public meetings were held in June 2012.

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- The Master Plan Update includes:
 - A gap analysis comparing existing inventory of parklands and facilities to industry standards and recommended Levels of Service.
 - Incorporation of relevant policies from Plan El Paso, approved by City Council in March 2012.
 - Short Term (2012-2022) and Longer Term (beyond 2022) prioritized recommendations with potential cost estimates for:
 - Parkland
 - Recreation and Senior Centers
 - Aquatic Facilities
 - Athletic Facilities
 - Trails and Open Space
 - Recommendations discussed at both city-wide and planning area levels.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed and commented on Pre-Final Draft of Chapter 3: Citizen Input and Chapter 9: Recommendations Summary on November 12, 2012.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will discuss and act on all chapters of the Final Draft at their December 10, 2012 meeting.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – “Towards a Brighter Future: 2012 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update for El Paso” - Final Draft

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